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Official Diary

Saturday, 31 January 1953

1. Discussed briefly with Mr. Amory the allocation of functions as between DD/I and ADD/I. I indicated to Mr. Amory that as a general principle I wanted to try to put into effect my idea that he should become "President of the Company", running the DD/I office, and that I should become "Chairman of the Board", concentrating my attention on particular priority projects which were not moving along fast enough. As examples of the type of projects on which I plan to concentrate, I gave the following:

a. The USCIB problem.

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c. NSC Senior Staff matters (including appropriate adjustments of our estimating schedule to meet the requirements of the new NSC and the new NSC Senior Staff) - Mr. Amory will probably work closely along with me on this.

d. Relations between O/NE and O/CI.

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2. Requested [REDACTED] to have O/CI re-check on the reporting respecting the French amphibious landing, reported in today's press. I felt that we did not receive adequate advance notice through FI. Upon receipt of this memorandum I forwarded it to DD/P for appropriate action.

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3. Chatted by phone with [REDACTED] respecting the Pearson column on SE 28/1. In view of the limited distribution of this estimate, it seemed to me an excellent case to make a test case. In response to my inquiry, [REDACTED] indicated that the actual investigation would have to be handled by the FBI. Also discussed this with Mr. Dulles and we agreed that any action would have to be deferred for a brief period. [REDACTED] is 25X1A9a to take no action except within the Agency without checking further with me.

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4. Chatted briefly with [REDACTED] on the following:

a. Arrangements for the Presidential briefing, and

25X1A9a b. I requested that the [REDACTED] briefing on the Soviet doctors' trials, the various theories thereon, be distributed to DC/I, DDC/I, DD/P and [REDACTED]. I also requested that a revised version of this paper be included in the CIR.

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5. Talked with [REDACTED] on certain plans he had for changing personnel assignments. I undertook to assist him so far as possible in securing the services of [REDACTED] although I recommended that he defer final decision on [REDACTED] slot until his availability was somewhat more clear. Also discussed with [REDACTED] the strengthening of his AE division, primarily by securing a well-qualified individual either to run [REDACTED] Department, leaving [REDACTED] free from some of the administrative details, or to act as an idea man for [REDACTED]. As a first step, [REDACTED] undertook to prepare a list of individuals best qualified for this function, without regard to any estimate of their availability. After this list has been prepared we shall discuss it with [REDACTED]

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6. Passed on to [REDACTED] with the request that he have an answer prepared by O/NE, properly coordinated with O/SI, the [REDACTED] request for a special estimate on clandestine induction of the atom bomb. Although a technical point could be made to the effect that this request should have been transmitted through the NSC or NSC Senior Staff, we felt that the matter was within the general tenor of the NSC's views on this question. We also agreed that this was an estimate on which FBI could be requested to make an affirmative contribution.

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